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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5, 7-10, 21-27 and 39-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5, 7-10, 21-27 and 39-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The indicated allowability of claims 21-27 and 39-54 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Odland (US Pat# 6,030,358) and GB 1567122.

Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 21-27 and 39-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Odland (US Pat# 6,030,358). Odland discloses a microcatheter and method for specific site therapy. The reference teaches two catheters (90); the catheters having a tubular section with a solid section (see figure 7 and 9:30-32) and at least two diffusion sections (43); the two diffusion sections are longitudinally aligned (see figure 7); a manifold (126 see figure 15 and 9:62-10:13); and a pump (10:6). The catheter includes

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an outer tubular wall and an inner tubular wall (42) where the inner tubular wall is lined with a microporous membrane (22). The outer around of the microporous membrane has an interference fit with the inner tubular wall of the outer tubular wall. See figure 4 and 8:7+. The pump is shown as an external pump but may be implantable. See 11:9-11. The catheter may be radioopaque. See 10:29-32.

The claims additionally recite the steps of “identifying the selected sites”; “selecting two catheters”; “placing each catheter in the organism”; “connecting the proximal end of the catheter to a manifold”; and “actuating the pump”. While these steps are not recited verbatim in the text of the reference, they are steps that are necessary for carrying out the proper functioning of the prior art device. Without each of these steps being performed, the prior art device as taught cannot be used and function as specified.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Odland in view of GB 1567122. Odland meets the claim limitations as described above but fails to include the tubular section of the catheters having alternating solid and microporous membrane sections with the tubular section having a substantially uniform diameter.

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However, '122 discloses a catheter with an alternating solid and microporous sections with a solid distal tip (30). See figure 3. The tip is specified as being closed but is depicted with the same cross hatchings as the solid sections 10 so the tip (30) is also construed as being solid. The design and configuration of the catheter is for ease of insertion into a selected site. See page 2 lines 45-49.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to substitute the catheter arrangement (42 and 22) of Odland with the catheter of '122. Both catheter designs are for ease of insertion into a patient. Additionally, both catheters have a tubular section with solid portions and porous sections for the transfer of fluid. The motivation for the substitution of the '122 catheter into the device of Odland would have been to simplify the catheter design by providing a streamline catheter design (one catheter tube) for the two tube arrangement of Odland.

Conclusion

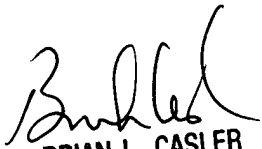
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Catherine S. Williams whose telephone number is 703-308-4846. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 703-308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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